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Re: Application by Masami KIKUCHI, Takashi YOKOI, Takahisa SHIZUKU, Satoshi AIZAWA, Kazutomo MURAKAMI, Hiroyuki UEDA and Shigenobu SUZUKI entitled "VIBRATION ABSORBING ALLOY MEMBER, AND RUBBER VIBRATION ISOLATOR, FLOOR VIBRATION DAMPING APPARATUS, TIRE, STEEL CORD AND RUBBER SEISMIC ISOLATOR USING THE SAME"
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Reference: Q93733

Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the subject application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ seventeen (17) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f), 2(a), 2(b), 3(a), 3(b), 4(a), 4(b), 5-10, 11(a), 11(b), 11(c), 12, 13(a), 13(b), 14(a), 14(b), 15, 16, 17(a), 17(b), 18 and 19.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment to Bridgestone Corporation and Form PTO-1595.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Forms PCT/IB/301, 304 and 311.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is presumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by 35 U.S.C. §371(c) were supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if additional copies are required, the undersigned attorney will provide the same upon request.

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It is expressly requested that National Stage processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §371(f).

Subsequent to entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>17</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>0</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$200.00	=	<u>0</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
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TOTAL FILING FEES DUE									<u>\$900.00</u>
Assignment Recordation Fee									<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<u>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</u>									<u>\$940.00</u>

* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO as the ISA, but the ISR is submitted herewith.

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also appended hereto.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-331,570	September 24, 2003
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